GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:18
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2005
UNEMPLOYMED PERSONS
Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan);Suman Shri Ramji Lal

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of unemployed persons is estimated to have increased considerably during the last three years;

(b) if so, the estimated number of unemployed people in the country during 1991-92 and in the year 2004-05;

(c) whether there has been a steady increase in the annual growth rate during these years;

(d) if so, the reasons for the growing unemployment despite the increase in the annual growth rate of the economy;

(e) the position of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in this scenario of growing unemployment; and

(f) the steps contemplated to increase employment opportunities?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a to f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NUMBER 18 BY SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH `LALAN` AND SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN REGARDING, UNEMPLOYED PERSONS FOR REPLY ON 25/7/2005

(a & b)Estimates of employment & unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last two such surveys were conducted during 1993-94 and 1999-2000. As per these surveys, number of unemployed persons in the country on usual status basis during 1993-94 and 1999-2000 was around 7.5 million and 9 million respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Major reasons for the growing unemployment in the country include declining job creating capacity of growth, economy not growing at the intended rate, growth rate of the labour force being higher than the growth rate of employment etc.

(e & f) As per the information available from the employment exchanges, as on 31st December 2003, around 66.3 lakh SC jobseekers and 23.1 lakh ST jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, were registered with the employment exchanges for employment. Government is targeting creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan period. This will help the unemployed person including those belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories.